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Letter dated 19 March 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 15 March 2010 addressed to you from His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, regarding the establishment of a development bank for Darfur (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 13, 48, 52, 53 (a), 58 (b), 59, 60 and 63 (b), and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Salem M. **Al-Shafi**
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You will be aware that important progress towards peace in Darfur was made recently in Doha with the signature by the Government of the Sudan and the Justice and Equality Movement of the Framework Agreement to Resolve the Conflict in Darfur. Efforts will continue to bring together a number of other factions, which we hope will soon sign a framework agreement that will ensure their participation in the establishment of peace.

We are surely all spurred on by the hope that peace and security will, in the very near future, prevail in all parts of Darfur, making possible development and reconstruction. To that end, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, officially announced that Qatar will endeavour to establish a bank for development in Darfur with capital of $2 billion, contributed by any States and organizations that wish to participate, in order to promote reconstruction and development in Darfur.

Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoğlu, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, announced in the statement that he made at the signature ceremony of the above-mentioned Framework Agreement that the Organization had called for a donor conference to be convened in Cairo on 21 March 2010 under the joint chairmanship of Egypt and Turkey. Qatar welcomes that conference as a complementary step to the Doha achievements. We further welcome the agreement that was concluded by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Egypt and Turkey on Wednesday, 3 March 2010, to the effect that all funds that will be pledged for reconstruction and development in Darfur will be deposited in the development bank, efforts to establish which in Darfur were referred to above. We are confident that adoption of this approach will support and consolidate the efforts that have been exerted with a view to establishing peace in Darfur.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated to Member States as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr **Al-Thani**
President of the Council of Ministers
Minister for Foreign Affairs